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10/30/01Atty. Docket No. AWI90101

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : Group Art Unit: 1724  
HAMBLEY, DAVID M. and :  
HAMBLEY, PHILIP : Examiner: Ivars C. CINTINS  
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Serial No.: 09/303,306 :  
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Filed: April 30, 1999 :  
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For: FILTER UNDERDRAIN SYSTEM :  
FOR BACKWASH FLOW AND :  
METHOD FOR MEASURING SAME :  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's action of 24 April 2001,  
applicant requests that the above-identified application be  
amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. [Amended] A filter underdrain assembly for  
controlling backwash water flow including [from] a backwash water  
inlet comprising a plurality of panel members forming a grid-like  
underdrain, each panel member having a plurality of apertures,  
the cross-sectional area of said apertures in said panel members  
varying between said panel members, said apertures of said panel  
members being located further away from said backwash water inlet  
having a lesser cross-sectional area relative to said cross-